



# OUTDOORS



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# OUTDOORS

*This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.*

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

## Questions on a particular program or event?



Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

**Directions and map** for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.

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## Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

**KEEP HYDRATED** Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

**FOOTWEAR** Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

**NEVER HIKE ALONE** The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

**HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE** Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

**POISON OAK** Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

**TICKS** Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES** These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

## EMERGENCIES

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area

## VISIT US!

### Visitor Center

26876 Mulholland Hwy  
Calabasas CA 91302  
Hours: 9am to 5pm  
(closed some holidays)  
**805-370-2301**

### Online

[www.nps.gov/samo](http://www.nps.gov/samo)  
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Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2011  
Winner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie, People in Parklands



***While the black-and-yellow European honeybee with its barbed stinger is the image most people have of a bee, our local bees are not quite like the transplants.***

California's 1,600 native species of bees can be green, black, or even red. Sizes range from giant bumblebees to ones barely visible to the naked eye. They mostly live alone or in small groups, their stingers won't get stuck in your skin, and they don't make honey.

In fact, California bees don't have much in common with honeybees except for the hunger for nectar and pollen. Their search for food takes them from one flower to another. They pollinate 35% of the state's crops and many of its wildlands. The pollinating service to California's agriculture is valued at 2.4 billion dollars and is also essential for the survival of native plants throughout the state.

The National Park Service is working to find out how climate change may impact native bee populations. Park scientists are focused on alpine and dune ecosystems because these are the most vulnerable systems in our national parks. There are over 50 parks nationwide working together on this National Native Bee Study!

– Kevin Schallert, Southern California Research Learning Center

the local buzz on bees

The Southern California Research Learning Center is teaming up with local volunteers to collect bee samples in the Santa Monica Mountains. The study and collection occurs over two consecutive days throughout the Spring and Summer Months. Interested volunteer groups can contact Kevin Schallert at [kevin\\_schallert@nps.gov](mailto:kevin_schallert@nps.gov)





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**SUN 7/1 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book is optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 3hrs LAAS

**SUN 7/1 9am**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately difficult hike in the canyon of shady green trails and sun-baked steep paths and learn about the history and habitats of this canyon. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/1 10am**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Treasure Hunt at Franklin** Join us on a hunt full of surprises and fun to find nature's special treats. Ages 3-8 years must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/1 2pm**

*Santa Monica Mountains NRA*  
*Visitor Center*  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour** Get a behind-the-scenes tour by a ranger into the sustainable features of the building and grounds! Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**TUE 7/3 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Etz Meloy Peak (2450') via Backbone Trail** Hike a new section of the Backbone Trail on this 9-mile, roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. Meet at Encinal Cyn Rd trailhead (park on shoulder; south side of road). If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30 am. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Info: 310-821-4123. 5hrs SC



## Storytime at the Visitor Center

**Every Tuesday  
10:30am - 11:30am  
King Gillette Ranch**

Enjoy a few stories and talk about what you can explore while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 6 months to 9 years old. WNPA/NPS

**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**TUE 7/3 7pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire (follow signs to outdoor amphitheater). 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 7/3 7:30pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**TUE 7/3 8pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Full Moon Jaunt** You just can't beat a warm summer evening for exploring nature by moonlight. Enjoy our moderately strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 7/5 7:30am**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Middle of the City Hike** A moderately paced 4-7 mile hike, depending on weather, will locate the unofficial middle of the city of Los Angeles. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. Parking warning: Stop at camera monitored stop signs in park or you will be ticketed. 3hrs SC

**THU 7/5 7pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/7 8:45am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Gardening in a Preserve** Build habitat by restoring native plants and California bunch grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 7/7 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamt.com. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 7/7 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve -*  
*Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve** Delight in the colors in a basin set among craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 7/7 9:30am**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Reptiles and Amphibians** Ages 8-12, learn the difference between the two and also why they are important. A guest speaker will bring snakes, turtles, lizards, and amphibians. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 7/7 10am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how the Chumash used natural resources to create a sustainable way of life for thousands of years on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at the parking lot to the left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/7 10am**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/7 7pm**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Moonlight Hike** Join an easy 7-mile, 500' gain hike past Century Lake and MASH film site to Malibu Lake. Bring day-pack, 2 qts water, sweater, and lug soles. Meet in lower parking lot by restroom. Fire or high winds cancels. 2.5hrs MCD

**SUN 7/8 8:45am**

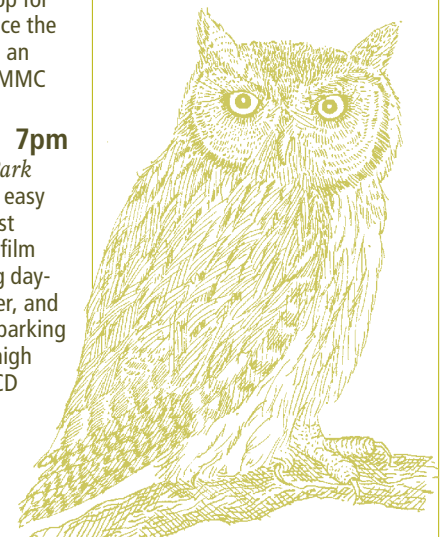
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed Wars Restore Habitat** Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



**Temescal Canyon  
Association  
Tuesday Evening Hikes**

**July 3 through  
August 14**

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway Park to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring lunch and water. 2.5 hours  
[www.temcanyon.org](http://www.temcanyon.org)



## Free Exhibit Opening

**Sunday, July 8**

10am – 2pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Enjoy an exhibit opening with Tongva-Gabrielino airbrush artist **Steven Garcia**. He is also a dancer, actor, spiritual teacher, and musician. All ages welcome.

The exhibit will run through **September 22, 2012**.  
Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

## FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

**July 8, 3pm – 5pm**

**Dawn Mitschele** This singer/songwriter started her career in San Diego and earned the *Best New Acoustic Talent* award for 2007. She has performed live with *Bushwalla* and Jason Mraz. Visit: [www.dawnmitschele.com](http://www.dawnmitschele.com).



Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 7/8 10am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Exhibit Opening -**  
*See box to the left*

**SUN 7/8 2pm**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**What's at Strauss?** Take a stroll with a ranger and discover the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. After the program, attend a concert in the amphitheater from 3pm to 5pm. Meet at the bulletin board in the parking lot. 30min NPS

**SUN 7/8 3pm**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**Free Sunday Concert -**  
*See box to the left*

**TUE 7/10 7:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Malibu Beach Walk** Low tide 6-mile walk from Corral Canyon Beach to Malibu Lagoon. Meet at the beach: On Hwy 1, park on beach side across from the 76 gas station at Corral Cyn Rd. Bring water, snack, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 7/10 8:30am**

*Solstice Canyon*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join a 7-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike to Roberts Ranch, Deer Valley, and up high with ocean views. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert meet at 8:30a below Santa Monica Pier. Info: 310-274-7987. 4hrs SC

**TUE 7/10 7pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire (follow signs to outdoor amphitheater). 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**WED 7/11 9am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Landscape Painting** Join other artists painting in our national and state parks. Bring your own materials. Beginners and professionals are welcome. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David, 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

**WED 7/11 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains NRA Visitor Center*  
**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler (up to age 4). Learn about our trees. Bring a snack; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Meet by the fountain. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

**WED 7/11 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 7/12 7pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/14 9:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Artist's Paint-out** Sweeping views up and down the coastline and overlooks of PCH, beaches, and Santa Monica Pier. Meet at northwest end of Santa Monica Palisades Park at San Vicente Blvd and Ocean Ave. Info: [allied-artists.com](http://allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, July 14**

7pm – 8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

The **Chumash Inter-Tribal Singers** represent many local regions, and will share Native songs and dances at the Satwiwa ceremonial circle. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 7/14 10am**

*Leo Carrillo State Beach*  
**Let's Move Outside** Kids of all ages, get physically active in the great outdoors with a physical fitness obstacle course. Prizes will be awarded! Meet on the beach at Lifeguard Tower One. 1hr NPS

**SAT 7/14 4pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how Chumash have used the natural resources to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/14 5pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Razors, Reels, and Resources** Accessible 1-mile stroll travels through time from the Talepop Chumash Village to the razor baron King Gillette, with a stopover in Hollywood history. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/14 7pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Evening Cultural Program -**  
*See box above*

**SAT 7/14 7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Birds** Join us for a slow evening stroll. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/15 11am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Treasure Hunt at King Gillette Ranch** Join us on a hunt full of surprises and fun to find nature's special treats. Ages 3-8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the parking lot to the left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/15 3pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks and tips for nature photography. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC





## Discovery Nature Camp

Session 1: July 16 – 20

Monday – Friday, 9am–3pm

Headwaters Corner

Ages 8–12, discover the wonders of nature with scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games, hikes, and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. A field trip is included and a new theme is featured daily. Pre-registration is required. Fee.

**For more info or to register:**  
Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x212



## Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

July 17, Tuesday at 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Chumash Stories Around the Campfire

Join **Ted Garcia**, Chief of the Southern Clan of the Chumash, as he shares stories of wisdom and heritage that have been handed down through time. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**MON 7/16-7/20 9am**

Headwaters Corner  
**Discovery Nature Camp -**  
See box to the left

**TUE 7/17 7:30am**

Cheeseborol/  
Palo Comado Canyons  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Sulfur Springs** Moderately paced 6+ mile, 500' gain hike through grasslands, along an old ranch road following a streambed to Sulfur Springs. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

**TUE 7/17 7pm**

King Gillette Ranch  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire (follow signs to outdoor amphitheater). 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 7/17 7:30pm**

Temescal Gateway Park  
**Culture in the Canyon -**  
See box to the left

**WED 7/18 9am**

Paramount Ranch  
**Plein Air Landscape Painting** Join other artists painting in our national and state parks. Bring your own materials. Beginners and professionals welcome. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

**WED 7/18 10am**

Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
Visitor Center  
**Hike to Inspiration Point** Join a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile round trip hike and be inspired by a view from up high. Bring water, sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing. Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**WED 7/18 7pm**

Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 7/19 7:30am**

Caballero Canyon -  
Upper Trailhead  
**Top of Reseda** Moderately paced 5-8 mile hike, depending on weather, in northern Topanga State Park. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-344-6869. 3.5hrs SC

**THU 7/19 7pm**

Temescal Gateway Park  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/21 8am**

Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Nature in Focus** A good photograph uses technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We can provide a stunning setting while naturalist Renata can help with the rest. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/21 8:45am**

Malibu Creek State Park  
**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 7/21 10am**

King Gillette Ranch  
**Razors, Reels, and Resources** Accessible 1-mile stroll travels through time from the Talepop Chumash Village to the razor baron King Gillette, with a stop over in Hollywood history. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/22 8:30am**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 7/22 10am**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 7/22 2pm**

Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
Visitor Center  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour** Get a behind-the-scenes tour by a ranger into the sustainable features of the building and grounds! Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**TUE 7/24 7:30am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Zuma Beach Walk** Join us on a moderately paced 5-6 mile walk. Meet at entrance to Westward Beach parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, snack, sandals, or tennis shoes. Rain cancels. Info: 818-501-1225. 3hrs SC

**TUE 7/24 8am**

Cold Creek Preserve  
**Moderate Hikers** Cold Creek Loop is an 8-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. Shorter 4-6 mile option. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

**A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
Tuesday - Saturday,  
9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

**Reservations required:**  
310-456-8432 or  
310-317-8379

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Silents Under the Stars

SUNDAY July 22 8:00pm

Classic Silent Movies



### Mantrap (1926)

Starring Clara Bow and Ernest Torrence

Directed by Victor Fleming

A flirtatious manicurist juggles husband, aviator, and divorce attorney during a camping trip in the Canadian woods.

Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.

Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature.

### Paramount Ranch

1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE. (\$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301

Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

WED 7/25 10am

Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
Visitor Center

**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler (up to age 4). Learn about our trees. Bring a snack; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Meet by the fountain. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

WED 7/25 7pm

Franklin Canyon –  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 7/26 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we provide the rest, including a nature program, campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 7/26 8pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a 1.5-mile hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. Bring a flashlight. 2hrs NPS

SAT 7/28 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains  
**Habitat Restoration** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org or. 3.5hrs MRT/CPS/TP

SAT 7/28 10am

King Gillette Ranch  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** MGM Director, Clarence Brown, made movies on this popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations on this easy walk. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 7/28 7:30pm

Rancho Sierra Vista Satwiwa  
**Evening Cultural Program** -  
See box to the right

SUN 7/29 8:45am

Topanga State Park  
**Lower Topanga Creek**  
Young oak trees need your help. Come water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 7/29 9:30am

Paramount Ranch  
**Movie Magic** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

MON 7/30-8/3 9am

Headwaters Corner  
**Discovery Nature Camp** -  
See box above

TUE 7/31 7pm

King Gillette Ranch  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for a special evening around the campfire. Rangers from our Interagency Visitor Center family will highlight the different roles they play in our parks. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC/NPS/CSP

## Evening Cultural Program

Saturday, July 28

7:30pm – 9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



**Kat High**, Hupa artist, storyteller, and astronomer, will perform Native stories and present an astronomy program. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## Discovery Nature Camp

Session 2: July 30 – August 3

Monday – Friday, 9am–3pm

Headwaters Corner

Ages 8–12, discover the wonders of nature with scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games, hikes, and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. A field trip is included and a new theme is featured daily. Pre-registration is required. Fee.

For more info or to register:

Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x212



Join us for exciting new programs at King Gillette Ranch this summer!

To get the latest updates, call the new Visitor Center:

**805-370-2301**





**WED 8/1** 7pm  
 Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for a fun evening of songs, marsh-mallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 8/2** 7:30am  
 Topanga State Park  
**Parker Mesa Overlook** Moderately paced 6-mile hike, 1300' gain, in western Topanga State Park. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

**THU 8/2** 7pm  
 Charmlee Wilderness Park  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD



## Storytime at the Visitor Center

Every Tuesday  
 10:30am - 11:30am  
 King Gillette Ranch

Enjoy a few stories and talk about what you can explore while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 6 months to 9 years old. WNPA/NPS

**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**THU 8/2** 7pm  
 Temescal Gateway Park  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 8/2** 8pm  
 Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Full Moon Jaunt** You just can't beat a warm summer evening for exploring nature by moonlight. Enjoy our moderately strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/4** 9am  
 Malibu Creek State Park  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamt.com. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 8/4** 9:30am  
 Cold Creek Preserve -  
 Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
**First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve** Delight in the colors in a basin set among craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 8/4** 10am  
 Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/4** 7pm  
 Malibu Creek State Park  
**Moonlight Hike** Join an easy 7-mile, 500' gain hike past Century Lake and MASH film site to Malibu Lake. Bring daypack, 2 qts water, sweater, and lug soles. Meet in lower parking lot by restroom. Fire or high winds cancels. 2.5hrs MCD

**SUN 8/5** 8am  
 Topanga State Park  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book is optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 3hrs LAAS

**SUN 8/5** 9am  
 Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately difficult hike in the canyon of shady green trails and sun-baked steep paths and learn about the history and habitats of this canyon. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/5** 10am  
 Franklin Canyon -  
 Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art, inspired by all the nature you have seen. Ages 3-8 must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/5** 2pm  
 Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
 Visitor Center  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour** Get a behind-the-scenes tour by a ranger into the sustainable features of the building and grounds! Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Silents Under the Stars

**SUNDAY August 5 7:30pm**

Classic Silent Movies

### For Heaven's Sake (1926)

*Starring Harold Lloyd & Jobyna Ralston*  
*Directed by Sam Taylor*

A debonair young millionaire donates money toward a mission in an effort to win the evangelist's daughter.  
*Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.*  
*Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature.*

### Paramount Ranch

1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE. (\$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301  
 Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

**TUE 8/7** 7:30am  
 Santa Monica Mountains  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Point Dume Beach Walk** For this moderately paced 5-6 mile low tide beach walk over the bluff at Pt. Dume to Paradise Cove. Meet at entrance to Westward Beach parking lot. (Off Hwy 1, turn into Westward Beach Rd, go 0.5 mile). Bring water, snack, sandals or tennis shoes, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

**TUE 8/7** 8:30am  
 Santa Monica Mountains  
**Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Cyn to Eagle Rock (1957')** This 8-mile, 1500' gain hike includes shady Santa Ynez Cyn trail, Musch Trail. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (from PCH east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left on Palisades Dr 2.5 miles, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert meet below Santa Monica Pier. Info: 310-838-2354. 4hrs SC



*Questions on a program/event? Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service). Then use the Directory on Page 37 to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.*

**TUE 8/7 7pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire (follow signs to outdoor amphitheater). 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**WED 8/8 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**THU 8/9 7:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Secret Trail to Calabasas Peak** Go on a moderately paced 5-7 mile hike (depends on weather) 1000' gain. Meet at Secret trailhead (101 Fwy: take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr south; right on Valmar Rd - becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd; right on Mulholland Hwy, 2.1 miles to parking area). Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3hrs SC

**THU 8/9 7pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest including a nature program, campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**SAT 8/11 8:45am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Gardening in a Preserve** Build habitat by restoring native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 8/11 9:30am**

*Solstice Canyon*  
**Artist's Paint-out** Beautiful shade trees: sycamores, elders, bays, and oaks line a creek with a wooden bridge. Meet in upper parking lot. Info: 310-383-1374 or allied-artists.com. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 8/11 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains NRA Visitor Center*  
**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler (up to age 4). Learn about our trees. Bring a snack; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Meet by the fountain. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

**SAT 8/11 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Birds** Join us for a slow evening stroll of sounds, sights, and scents of darkness that bring out birds. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**SUN 8/12 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit*  
**Weed Wars Restore Habitat** Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 8/12 2pm**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**What's at Strauss?** Take a stroll with a ranger and discover the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. After the program, attend a concert in the amphitheater from 3pm to 5pm. Meet at the bulletin board in the parking lot. 30min NPS

**SUN 8/12 3pm**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**Free Sunday Concert -**  
*See box on opposite page*

**TUE 8/14 7:30am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Grasslands Trail** Moderately paced 4-mile, 300' gain hike over Grasslands Trail to the Rock Pool and Century Lake. Meet at Malibu Canyon and Mulholland Hwy, southwest corner parking area or park along road. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

**TUE 8/14 7pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire (follow signs to outdoor amphitheater). 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**WED 8/15 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**THU 8/16 7:30am**

*Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead*  
**Top of Reseda** Moderately paced 5-8 mile hike, depending on weather, in northern Topanga State Park. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

**THU 8/16 7pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide a nature program, a campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**SAT 8/18 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 8/18 10am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how the Chumash used natural resources to create a sustainable way of life for thousands of years on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at the parking lot to the left of the pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMCC

**SAT 8/18 7:30pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Sky Star Party -**  
*See box to the right*

## FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

August 12, 3pm – 5pm

**The Service Dogs** have played shows throughout Los Angeles including at Universal City Walk. Enjoy a summer afternoon rocking out to popular rock 'n' roll from the 80's and 90's.

Info: 805-370-2301

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## Sky Star Party

Free Astronomy Event!

Saturday, August 18, 7:30 – 10:00pm  
 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Join **CLU Professor Dr. Mike Shaw** and rangers for a family-friendly discussion of astronomy. Enjoy a constellation tour and viewing of night sky objects through telescopes. Meet at main parking lot (for a 0.2-mile walk to Satwiwa). Bring a flashlight. Info: 805-370-2301



UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve  
K-12 Environmental Education Program:  
<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area>

For info on Santa Monica Mountains environmental education programs:  
<http://samofund.org/SMMEC/SMMEC.htm>

For info on the Reserve: <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>



**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Silents Under the Stars**

**SUNDAY August 19 7:30pm**

Classic Silent Movies



**A Woman of the World (1925)**  
Starring Pola Negri and Charles Emmett Mack  
Directed by Malcolm St. Clair

A countess finds her reputation questioned when she leaves to visit her cousin in a small Midwestern town.  
Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.  
Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature.

**Paramount Ranch**  
1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE. (\$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301  
Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

**SUN 8/19 8:45am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Creek**  
Young oak trees need your help. Come water and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 8/19 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era**  
MGM Director, Clarence Brown, made movies on this popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations on this easy walk. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/19 3pm**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Capture A Nature Moment**  
Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks and tips for nature photography. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/19 7:30pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Silents Under the Stars -**  
*See box to the left*

**TUE 8/21 7:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Trippet Ranch, Dead Horse Trail**  
Join us for a moderately paced 5-mile, 600' gain hike. Meet at Trippet Ranch fee parking lot. Bring water, snack, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 8/21 7pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us for an evening around the campfire (follow signs to outdoor amphitheater). 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 8/21 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon -**  
*See box to the right*

**WED 8/22 7pm**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Campfire** Join us for fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 8/23 7:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Upper Mandeville & Nike Radar Site** Go on a moderately paced 6-mile 1100' gain hike. Meet at trailhead (from Ventura Blvd, south on Hayvenhurst Ave for 1.8 miles, right on Encino Hills Drive and continue 1 mile to start of dirt Mulholland Dr. Go 100 yards west and park facing white posts). Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3hrs SC

**THU 8/23 7pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest, including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

# Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

**August 21, Tuesday at 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*

**Splatter Spotter:**  
**Exploring and Predicting Road Kill**

Dr. Sean Anderson has traveled the world looking at road kill. Learn how roads affect our local wildlife and ways to prevent road kill. Join his research team and become a splatter spotter. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Environmental Educator Training

*Like working with students (grades K–12)?*  
*Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?*  
*Want to be part of a local community that helps the environment?*

Let the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains train you to become an Environmental Educator this fall.

**INFORMATION**  
[rcdsmm.org/education](http://rcdsmm.org/education)  
[rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com](mailto:rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com)  
818-597-8627 x103

**FRI 8/24 10am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler (up to age 4). Learn about our trees. Bring a snack; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Meet at the parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

**FRI 8/24 7:30pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Creatures of the Night**  
Take a 1.5-mile hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. Bring a flashlight. 2hrs NPS



### Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am**

For groups of 10 or more.  
Reservations required:  
310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am**

For individuals and  
small groups of 9 or less  
(no reservations required).

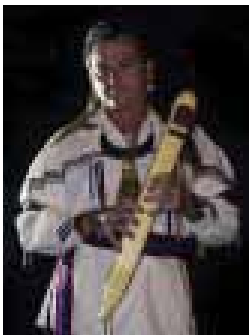
Meet docent at the Gate  
House for a one-hour tour.  
Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

### Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, August 25**

**6:30pm – 8pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



**Bill Neal**, known as "Elk Whistle," is a musician with Cherokee ancestry who performs with Plains-style cedar flutes of the Lakota, Kiowa, and Comanche Nations. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 8/25 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteers Needed for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 8/25 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Habitat Restoration** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CPS/TP

**SAT 8/25 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains NRA Visitor Center*  
**Hike to Inspiration Point** Join a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile round trip hike and be inspired by a view from up high. Bring water, sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing. Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**SAT 8/25 4pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how Chumash Indians have used the natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/25 6:30pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy** Children age 8–12 can learn about the night sky with telescopes. A guest speaker guides us through the stars, planets, nebulae, and constellations. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 8/25 6:30pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Free Cultural Program with "Elk Whistle"** - See box to the left

**SUN 8/26 8:30am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 8/26 9am**

*Solstice Canyon*  
**Canyon Ramble** Celebrate the beginning of autumn while hiking the creekside trail that is lined with sycamores and other native trees. Info: 818-348-5910. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 8/26 9:30am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SUN 8/26 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 8/26 2pm**

*Santa Monica Mountains NRA Visitor Center*  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour** Get a behind-the-scenes tour by a ranger into the sustainable features of the building and grounds! Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**TUE 8/28 7:30am**

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Backbone Trail** Moderately paced 5-mile, 1,000' gain hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral with ocean views. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 8/28 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Pier to Jetty Beach Walk** Take an 8-mile walk to Marina del Rey and return via canals. Meet at parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier or shorter hike meets 9 am at Ocean Park Blvd parking lot (free parking with Santa Monica Senior Pass at both lots). Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

**TUE 8/28 7pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join a workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**FRI 8/31 6:30pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD



**Malibu Lagoon  
State Beach**

**Adamson House  
Docent Training**

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available.  
18 hours. FEE. MLMD

Reservations required:  
**310-456-8432**

### Topanga Canyon Docents Fall Naturalist Training Update

**The Topanga Canyon Docents will not be offering training for new docents and naturalists this fall.**

The Trippet Ranch Nature Center, where the training has traditionally taken place, is being renovated in a California State Parks project. The Topanga Canyon Docents anticipate that their fall training program will resume in 2013. For ongoing information: [topangadocents.org](http://topangadocents.org).



September



## Storytime at the Visitor Center

Every Tuesday  
10:30am - 11:30am  
King Gillette Ranch

Enjoy a few stories and  
talk about what you can  
explore while in the Santa  
Monica Mountains. For  
ages 6 months to 9 years  
old. WNPA/NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

**SAT 9/1 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experi-  
ence necessary. Call for more  
information or to receive a  
current schedule: 818-222-4531.  
6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/1 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain  
Bike Skills** Learn proper off-  
road riding fundamentals and  
shared-use etiquette. Mountain  
bike and helmet required.  
Heavy rain cancels. Info:  
www.corbambt.com or  
805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 9/1 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve -*  
*Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday in Cold Creek  
Valley Preserve** Delight in  
the colors in a basin set among  
craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 9/1 7pm**  
*Solstice Canyon*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a  
1.5-mile hike with a ranger and  
discover which animals come  
out at dusk. Bring a flashlight.  
2hrs NPS

**SUN 9/2 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners  
will enjoy discovering the ways  
of the birds. Bring binoculars,  
hat, water, and snack (bird book  
is optional). Info: 310-455-1401.  
3hrs LAAS

**SUN 9/2 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Treasure Hunt at Franklin**  
Join us on a hunt full of sur-  
prises and fun to find nature's  
special treats. Ages 3-8 years  
must be accompanied by an  
adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 9/2 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains NRA*  
*Visitor Center*  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour**  
Get a behind-the-scenes tour  
by a ranger into the sustainable  
features of the building and  
grounds! Meet by the fountain.  
1hr NPS

**TUE 9/4 8am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Franklin  
Canyon** Moderately paced  
5-mile, 800' gain hike with  
views of West LA and Pacific  
Ocean. Meet at end of parking  
lot. Bring water, snack, lug-  
soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain  
cancels. Info: 818-787-5420.  
3hrs SC

**TUE 9/4 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Bienvene-  
da-Leacock Trail to Will Rog-  
ers** For this moderate 8-mile  
roundtrip, 1600' gain hike to  
Temescal Cyn and Will Rogers  
State Historic Park, meet 8:30a  
at end of Bienvenida Av (Sun-  
set Blvd). Bring water, lunch,  
and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info:  
562-618-1129. 4hrs SC

**THU 9/6 8am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Lookout Trail and Century  
Lake** Join us on a moderately  
paced 8-mile 1000' gain hike to  
Reagan picnic area and beyond.  
Meet at Cornell & Mulholland  
dirt parking area (east side of  
street just south of Mulholland  
Hwy). Bring 2 qts water, lunch,  
lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen.  
Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-  
4799. 4hrs SC

**SAT 9/8 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experi-  
ence necessary. Call for more  
information or to receive a  
current schedule: 818-222-4531.  
6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/8 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Gardening in a Preserve**  
Build habitat by restoring native  
plants and California bunch  
grasses. Receive community  
service credit. Reservations  
required: 818-591-1701 x203  
or volunteer@treepeople.org.  
3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 9/8 9:30am**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program:**  
**Native American Culture**  
Children ages 8-12 will  
discover plants and animals  
Native Americans used for food,  
clothing, tools, toys, medicine,  
etc., and then do a craft. Learn  
how they led a successful life.  
Fee. Pre-registration required:  
818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 9/8 9:30am**  
*R.H. Meyer*  
*Memorial State Beaches -*  
*El Matador State Beach*  
**Artist's Paint-out** This pocket  
beach has dramatic views and  
stunning rock formations. Hike  
down to beach or paint at land-  
ing near bluffs. Potluck lunch.  
Info: allied-artists.com or 310-  
383-1379. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 9/8 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains NRA*  
*Visitor Center*  
**Hike to Inspiration Point**  
Join a ranger on a moderate,  
1-mile round trip hike and be  
inspired by a view from up  
high. Bring water, sunscreen  
and wear appropriate clothing.  
Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

## Free Cultural Program

**Sunday, September 9**  
**10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Celebrate late summer with  
Chumash elder and Satwiwa  
co-founder **Charlie Cooke** as  
he shares his culture through  
the art of storytelling. All  
ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SAT 9/8 6pm**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Evening Birds** Join us for a  
slow evening stroll of sounds,  
sights, and scents of darkness  
that bring out birds and other  
creatures. Requirements: flash-  
light, tolerance for darkness,  
and capacity for quiet observa-  
tion. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 9/9 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed Wars Restore Habitat**  
Remove ripgut and thistles  
so native grasses and oak  
seedlings can provide food and  
shelter for wildlife. Receive  
community service credit.  
Reservations required: 818-348-  
5910 or volunteer@treepeople.  
org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 9/9 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately  
difficult hike in the canyon of  
shady green trails and sun-  
baked steep paths and learn  
about the history and habitats  
of this canyon. 2hrs MRCA/  
SMMC

**SUN 9/9 10am + 1pm**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Free Cultural Program with  
Charlie Cooke - See box above**

**SUN 9/9 2pm**  
*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**What's at Strauss?** Take a  
stroll with a ranger and discover  
the rich history of Peter Strauss  
Ranch. After the program, at-  
tend a concert in the amphithe-  
ater from 3pm to 5pm. Meet at  
the bulletin board in the parking  
lot. 30min NPS

# FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

September 9, 3pm – 5pm

## The Ranger Band

Come enjoy original sing-along tunes led by your favorite Park Rangers! A fun, hand-clapping, foot-stomping performance for all ages.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



# National Public Lands Day/Coastal Clean Up



Saturday, September 15, 2012

Join us at Paramount Ranch 9am – 12:30pm.

Participate in the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy – including areas with streams leading to the coast.

Info and registration:

Mike\_Malone@nps.gov or 805-370-2317

Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult

A partnership event with the National Park Service, Heal the Bay, and Cornell Preservation Organization.

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 9/9 3pm

Peter Strauss Ranch  
Free Sunday Concert with  
The Ranger Band -  
See box to the left

TUE 9/11 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Moderate Hikers: Santa  
Monica's Hidden Staircases  
Join us to count the stairs on  
this 7-mile, 1000' gain hike from  
Will Rogers Beach to Will Rog-  
ers State Historic Park. Optional  
hike to Inspiration Point. Meet  
on Adelaide Dr and 4th St. in  
Santa Monica (1 block north of  
San Vicente Blvd). Bring water,  
lunch, and comfortable shoes.  
Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

SAT 9/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Trail Rehab Work No experi-  
ence necessary. Call for more  
information or to receive a  
current schedule: 818-222-4531.  
6hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/15 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park  
Return of the Lost Oak  
Woodlands Help rebuild habi-  
tat. Receive community service  
credit. Reservations required:  
volunteer@treepeople.org or  
818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs  
MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 9/15 9am

Paramount Ranch  
National Public Lands Day/  
Coastal Clean-up - See box  
to the left

SAT 9/15 10am

King Gillette Ranch  
A Walk into the Chumash  
World Discover how the Chu-  
mash used natural resources  
to create a sustainable way of  
life for thousands of years on  
this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at  
the parking lot to the left of the  
pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 9/16 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains NRA  
Visitor Center  
Sustainable Sunday Tour  
Get a behind-the-scenes tour  
by a ranger into the sustainable  
features of the building and  
grounds! Meet by the fountain.  
1hr NPS

SUN 9/16 3pm

Franklin Canyon -  
Franklin Canyon Ranch  
Capture A Nature Moment  
Nature offers the best photo  
opportunities, but can be a  
difficult model. Learn the tricks  
and tips for nature photogra-  
phy. Bring your camera. 2hrs  
MRCA/SMMC

TUE 9/18 8am

Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
Easy-pace Hikers: Red  
Rock Canyon from Stunt Rd  
Moderately paced 4-mile, 800'  
gain hike up a fire road and  
then down into hidden Red  
Rock Canyon. Seasonal streams,  
good views, chaparral and sage  
habitats. Bring water, snack,  
lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen.  
Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-  
6670. 3hrs SC

# Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

September 18, Tuesday at 7:30pm  
Temescal Gateway Park

## "Vulture Verses" Love Poems for the Unloved

Children's author Diane  
Lang will read her book  
Vulture Verses and show  
off her collection of less  
loved animals. From  
vultures to skunks to  
snakes, oh my! Will your heart be softened?  
Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC



TUE 9/18 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park  
Culture in the Canyon -  
See box above

THU 9/20 8am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Hondo Canyon Backbone  
Trail & Fossil Ridge For this  
moderately paced 9-mile 1800'  
gain hike, meet at trailhead  
located on Old Topanga Cyn  
Rd 0.4 mile west of intersec-  
tion with Topanga Cyn Blvd.  
Limited roadside parking, so  
suggest ridesharing. Bring 2 qts  
water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and  
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:  
818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 9/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Volunteers Needed Help  
remove invasive Spanish broom  
from Saddle Peak and restore  
native habitat. Receive commu-  
nity service credit. Reservations  
required: Jerry 818-406-1269.  
Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 9/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains  
Trail Rehab Work No experi-  
ence necessary. Call for more in-  
formation or to receive a current  
schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs  
SMMTC



**SAT 9/22 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Habitat Restoration** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CPS/TP

**SAT 9/22 4pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how Chumash Indians have used the natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 9/22 6pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Evening Cultural Program with Kathy and Steven Garcia** - See box below

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, September 22**

**6pm – 7:30pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



**Kathy and Steven Garcia** perform Native American dance including Northern Traditional and shawl dancing. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 9/22 6:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Autumn Equinox** Join naturalist Michael on a moderate hike. Learn about seasonal changes, our closest planets, and the constellations. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 9/23 8:30am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 9/23 8:45am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Creek** Help oak trees. Water and weed (community service credit). Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 9/23 9am**

*Solstice Canyon*  
**Canyon Ramble** Celebrate the beginning of autumn while hiking the creekside trail that is lined with sycamores and other native trees. Info: 818-782-9346 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 9/23 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**This is Los Angeles???** Enjoy an easy hike downhill through rock-studded chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats. Awesome views! 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 9/23 9:30am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SUN 9/23 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**MON 9/24**

*Stunt Ranch Reserve*  
**Cold Creek Docents Annual Naturalist Training** - See box on opposite page



**TUE 9/25 8am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Las Virgenes Canyon into Ahmanson** Moderately paced 6-mile, 600' gain hike. Visit the riparian, grasslands, and oak woodlands communities. Meet at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd exit north 1+ mile to end, street parking. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

**TUE 9/25 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Cyn via Wirebreak** Moderate 7-mile, 1000' gain hike to Trippet Ranch via the re-engineered Wirebreak. Shorter 4-6 mile option. Meet Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH north 0.5 mile on Sunset Blvd, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Dr, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert meet below Santa Monica Pier. Info: 818-905-5588. 4hrs SC

**TUE 9/25 7pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join a workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**THU 9/27 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop** Moderately paced 8-mile 1200' gain hike with scenic views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

## COLD CREEK DOCENTS Annual Naturalist Training



Training begins on Monday, **September 24, 2012.**

Have some natural science background and interest? Lead nature hikes with ages 8–12 at UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Learn about the cultural and natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains, interpretive techniques, and more. **7 sessions. Fee. Info: 818-591-9363**

**SAT 9/29 8am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photograph uses technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We can provide a stunning setting while naturalist Renata can help with the rest. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 9/29 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/29 10am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** MGM Director, Clarence Brown, made movies on this popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations on this easy walk. Meet in parking lot to left of the pond 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 9/29 10am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Let's Move Outside** Kids of all ages, come enjoy the summertime by getting physically active in the great outdoors. This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course and prizes will be awarded! Meet in the parking lot. 1hr NPS

**SUN 9/30 6pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 9/30 6pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Full Moon Jaunt** You just can't beat a warm summer evening for exploring nature by moonlight. Enjoy our moderately strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

<b>Circle X Ranch</b>	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
<b>Cold Creek Preserve</b>	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
<b>Coldwater Canyon Park</b>	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
<b>Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
<b>Leo Carrillo State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Malibu Creek State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
<b>Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House</b>	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
<b>Paramount Ranch</b>	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
<b>Peter Strauss Ranch</b>	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
<b>Point Mugu State Park</b>	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa</b>	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
<b>Rocky Oaks</b>	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
<b>Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center</b>	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
<b>Temescal Gateway Park</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
<b>Topanga State Park</b>	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park</b>	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve</b>	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

## Directions

- Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.  
**Lower Trailhead:** 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.  
**Upper Trailhead:** Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- California State Parks  
Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- \*Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- \*Cheeseboro/Palo Comado  
Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- \*Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.  
**Sandstone Peak Trailhead:** 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.  
**Mishe Mokwa Trailhead:** 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt  
Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.  
**Lower Stunt High Trailhead:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.  
**Preserve's Lower Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- Franklin Canyon  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper  
Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)  
**Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon):** From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)



**11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

**12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

**13 Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.  
**Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

**14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

**15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.  
**Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.  
**Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).  
**Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

**16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.  
**Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

**17 Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

**18 Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

**19 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

**20 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.  
**Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

**21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.

**El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

**22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.  
**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.  
**Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd

**23 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon..

**24 Rocky Oaks** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot

**25 Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

**26 Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch** From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

**27 Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center** See #22.

**Sooky Goldman Nature Center** See #10.

**28 Stunt Ranch Reserve** See #8.

**29 Tapia Park** See #15.

**30 Temescal Gateway Park** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

**31 Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

**Dead Horse Trailhead:** From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

**Los Lions Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

**32 Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

**33 Will Rogers State Historic Park** 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

**34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons**

**Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

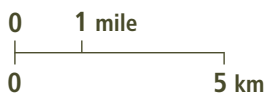
**Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

**Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



*Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.*

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<b>TCA</b>	310-459-5931	<b>Temescal Canyon Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.temcanyon.org">www.temcanyon.org</a> )
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